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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 23, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims based upon the Remarks that follow:

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Spell et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,208,640 ("Spell") in view of Keeler et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,568,544 ("Keeler"). Applicants